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In re Application of:

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For: Faceplate with Fire Retardant
Material for an Electrical Box

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examining the above referenced file, the Examiner is requested to enter the
amendment contained herein.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-22 without prejudice and add claims 23-36 as follows:

--23. A method of assisting a compromised barrier, comprising:

- a) providing a gasket comprising fire retardant material;
- b) placing the fire retardant gasket between a faceplate and an electrical box adapted
to be introduced into the barrier;
- c) coupling the faceplate to the box; and
- d) at least partially reestablishing a fire rating of the barrier.

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